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From: Commander  
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Subj: GUIDANCE CONCERNING SOCIAL MEDIA - UNOFFICIAL INTERNET POSTS

Ref: (a) MARADMIN 365/10  
(b) MARADMIN 181/10  
(c) MCM (2012 Edition)  
(d) MCO 1900.16  
(e) US Navy Regulations  
(f) MCO P5354.1D w/CH 1  
(g) The Social Corps, Marine Corps Social Media Handbook

1. Purpose. This Policy letter provides guidance for Marines when making internet posts, through unofficial social networking sites.

2. Information

a. Online activity that features ridicule or abuse of others on the basis of status in a protected class is prohibited (including sex/gender and sexual orientation). Online activity that brings discredit upon the Marine, his or her unit, or the Marine Corps is also prohibited (See references).

b. As a member of Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES), to include members of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), you are reminded that you are still required to conduct yourself in a manner consistent with our values, policies, and regulations. Further, as a member of MARFORRES, you are subject to potential adverse administrative action for failure to comply with federal law and/or Department of Defense Regulations and policies.

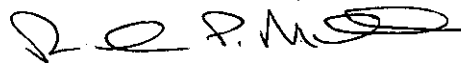
3. Guidance. Marines are encouraged to communicate responsibly while online and while posting to social media sites. If you would not say it in front of a formation, do not say it online. Marines should refrain from posting anything that could be perceived as defamatory, libelous, obscene, abusive, threatening,

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racially or ethnically hateful or otherwise offensive or illegal. This includes disrespectful or abusive language about members of your chain of command, to include the Commander in Chief. When using social media tools and platforms, everything you say and do as a Marine is more visible and taken seriously. As such, you have a greater responsibility to speak respectfully and intelligently about issues. It is up to you to individually ensure that each post is consistent with our Marine Corps values and traditions and does not violate existing law or policy. Comments that fall into any of these categories may subject you to possible criminal or administrative action. Do not bring discredit upon yourself, Marine Forces Reserve/Marine Forces North or our Corps by posting comments that are inconsistent with these values.

4. Certification. This Policy Letter is applicable to MARFORRES and Marine Forces North.



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